

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

October 30th, 2016

“Trust in HIM at all times;
ye people, pour out your
heart before HIM: GOD is
a refuge for us.”

PSALM 62:8

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Briar Harrison - November 5th

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR CLAY CURTIS

HAGGAI 1:1-2—How GOD BUILDS HIS HOUSE

To find our podcast search for the keyword PurposedGrace on
 Apple's Podcast App or  Google's Play Music App

***Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

AN EXPENSIVE BOOK

“HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES: THE CHASTISEMENT OF OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM; AND WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.” (ISAIAH 53:5)

The Bible is an expensive Book. The cost to us is not much. We enter a book store and ask for a Bible; we lay down the price, one dollar, two dollars, or ten dollars as the case may be. But is that the cost of the Bible? GOD in providential mercy has made the costliest of all books cheap to us. We estimate the value of an article by the cost of producing it. The Bible is a costly Book in its human aspect. Men sank their lives in medieval monasteries to make copies of it for future generations. Then there was the cost to martyrs who laid down their lives for love of the truth when pope or pagan would try to sweep away every copy of it. The Bible also represents a cost to GOD. From Genesis to Revelation it is written in the blood of His Son. The Old Testament is the finger of prophecy pointing forward to Calvary; the New Testament is the finger of history pointing back to Calvary. To write the message of love we have in the Bible GOD broke the heart of His Son on the cross. In olden times the word of GOD was inscribed on parchment which was the skin of sheep and today it is written on paper. The parchment speaks of the Lamb slain that its skin might clothe and its

blood might atone, and that its skin might also bear the news of gracious love to sinners. The paper made from wood crushed into pulp reminds us that the Tree of Life was cut down and crushed on Calvary, crushed and marred beyond all the sons of men, that He might bear the glad tidings of GOD's love.

PASTOR C.D. COLE

REST FOR HIS FAMILY

“COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.” (MATTHEW 11:28)

The believer is heavily burdened with a daily conflict. This conflict between a body of sin and the holy, pure, and divine nature of which GOD's people are made partakers lasts during the whole of our mortal span upon earth. Lasts, did I say? It increases in intensity. This internal warfare is more or less experienced by all GOD's family. But what a burden it is to have such a daily conflict with a body of sin! It is the greatest burden that we have on earth. We all have our trials heavy trials. But of all the burdens that I am acquainted with the daily conflict with the workings of my corrupt heart my fallen and depraved nature perpetually lustng to evil entangling my eye, catching my affections, ensnaring my soul, dragging me, or drawing me into everything that is foul and filthy, base and vile, not externally, through mercy, but internally forms the heaviest burden I have to carry. The conflict I daily and sometimes hourly feel with my wretched heart has been my trouble and grief continually.

Now when we are so laden with a body of sin and death when we feel such vile sins perpetually struggling for the mastery and such a depraved heart pouring forth its polluted streams when we feel this common sewer of our depraved nature pouring forth this polluted stream must it not make us grieve and groan? Yes, daily make a living soul grieve and groan draw at times scalding tears from his eye and force convulsive sobs from his burdened bosom to feel that he is such a monster of depravity and iniquity that though GOD keeps his feet so that he does not fall outwardly and manifestly yet there is such a tide of iniquity flowing in his heart, polluting his conscience continually.

Jesus fixes His penetrating gaze, His sympathizing eye upon, and opens the tenderness and compassion of His loving bosom unto those who are weary and carry heavy burdens to His poor, suffering, sorrowing, groaning, and mourning family to those who have no one else to look to those who are burdened in their consciences, troubled in their minds, and distressed in their souls. He says to such, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.”

PASTOR J.C. PHILPOT

READY SALVATION

“...KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH UNTO SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.” (1 PETER 1:5)

Beloved, do you hear what Peter wants us to rejoice in? Did the HOLY SPIRIT have Peter write “*salvation that is getting ready*” or a “*salvation almost done*”?—NO! Peter would have GOD’s people to know their salvation is *ready!* Now, when something is READY it’s D-O-N-E—done!

The salvation that our LORD JESUS has accomplished for His people is ready, it’s done! A full, complete, and ever present salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. What a SAVIOUR to rejoice and rest in, is CHRIST JESUS our LORD! No wonder Peter describes GOD’s people as those who “*greatly rejoice.*”

Beloved, we rejoice in GOD’s “*abundant mercy*” in CHRIST. We rejoice in HIS precious redeeming blood through which we have a full and complete pardon of sin, and HIS perfect righteousness, which makes us accepted in the beloved SON OF GOD.

GOD’s people rejoice in GOD’s “*abundant mercy*” in CHRIST. All that we have in CHRIST is incorruptible. Beloved if GOD gave it to you—no one, no thing, no trial, no pain, not even the grave—can take it away.

Beloved, greatly rejoice! Everything GOD has given us in CHRIST: a full and complete pardon of sin through His precious blood, and His perfect righteousness—once given is never taken away. Friend, if our gracious GOD should give you faith to wait, trust, and believe on CHRIST—no one, no thing, no trial, no pain, not even the grave can take it from you. (EPHESIANS 2:8, JOHN 10:27)

Peter wants us to know this beloved — we “*are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation*” and very blessedly Peter adds, that this salvation is ready!—“*ready to be revealed in the last time.*” Amen. PASTOR

NOT OF OURSELVES

“...BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.” (EPHESIANS 2:8)

Salvation is knowing CHRIST. Yet it is CHRIST’s knowledge of us not our knowledge of HIM that saves us. Faith is receiving CHRIST. But we are saved because HE has received us. Perseverance is holding CHRIST. Yet, our security is not our holding HIM, but HIM holding us. We are the beneficiaries of HIS grace. We contribute nothing to HIS grace.